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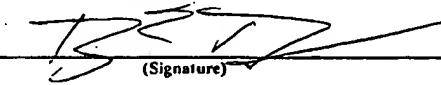
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Dear Sir:

The shortened statutory period for responding to the October 28, 2004 Office Action ends on January 28, 2005. Accordingly, this response is being filed in a timely manner.